GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSRACT</u>

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegations of corruption against Sri P.Gopala Rao, former Panchayat Secretary, Balighattam, Gram Panchayat, Visakhapatnam District – Trapped by the ACB Officials on 07.07.2008 - Prosecuted in a Court of Law – Convicted by the III Additional District and Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge for Anti Corruption Bureau Cases, Visakhapatnam in CC No.21/2010 – Dismissal from service under Rule 25 (1) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMWENT

G.O.MS.No. 141

Dated:29.10.2014
Read the following.

- 1.Automex Message in Crime No.14/RC.VSP/2008 dated.7.07.2008 of DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam.
- 2.CPR Proceedings No.9159/CPR&RE/E3.Vig/08, dt.11.07.2008.
- 3.From the Director General, ACB, R.C.No.164/RCT-WVP/2008-S11, dt.26.11.2008.
- 4.Govt.Memo No.16086/Vig.IV/A1/2008-2, dt.23.07.2009.
- 5.Govt.Memo No.16086/Vig.IV/A1/2008-7, dt.19.02.2011
- 6.From the DG, ACB Rc.No.164/RCT-WVP/2008-S11, dt.21.07.2014.
- 7.Orders of the Hon'ble III Addl. Sessions .Judge –Cum-Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam in CC No.21 of 2010 dt.27.06.2014.
- 8.G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Services-C) Department, dt.4.01.1999.
- 9.G.O.Ms.No.240, General Administration (Services-C) Department, dt.14.08.2003.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri P.Gopala Rao, former Panchayat Secretary, Balighattam, Gram Panchayat, Visakhapatnam District was trapped by the ACB Officials on 07.07.2008 when he demanded of Rs.1500/- and accepted a bribe of Rs.500/- from the complainant Sri Setti Pydi Raju S/o Appalanaidu, Ward Member, 9th Ward, Balighattam Gram Panchayat, Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District for doing official favour of issuing approved building plan pertaining to two shops located at Bye-pass road, Balighattam Panchayat, belonging to his sister Smt Allu Nagamani. In the reference 2nd read above, Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad has placed the accused officer under suspension.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has recommended to prosecute Sri P.Gopala Rao, Panchayat Secretary (u/s) in a court of law U/s 7 and 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In the reference 4th read above, Govt., after examining the report of Director General, ACB have decided to prosecute the Accused Officer in a court of law and a copy of the specimen sanction orders and draft article of charges as furnished by the DG, ACB was sent to the District Collector, Visakhapatnam and requested to issue orders according sanction of prosecution of Accused Officer and send the same to the DG, ACB and also requested to initiate departmental action against the Accused Officer. In the reference 5th read above, Govt., have issued orders to reinstate individual into service pending prosecution against him.

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- In the reference 6th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has stated that the Special Judge for ACB, cases, Visakhapatnam pronounced the Judgment on 27.06.2014 in C.C.No.21/2010 and convicted the Accused Officer Sri Payala Gopala Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Bhalighattam Panchayat, Narsipatnam (M), Visakhapatnam District and sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for two years and to pay a fine of Rs.1000/and in default, to suffer six months simple imprisonment, for the offence under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The Court further sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for two years and to pay a fine of Rs.1000/and in default, to suffer six months simple imprisonment for the offence under section 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Both the sentences were ordered to run concurrently. The Director, General, ACB, Hyderabad has therefore, requested to dismiss the Accused Officer Sri P.Gopala Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District from service immediately on the ground of Conduct which led to his conviction on the criminal charge under Rule 25 (1) of A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991.
- 4. Government have examined the matter carefully in terms of orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Services) Deptt. dated 04.01.1999 and decided to dismiss Sri P.Gopala Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District from service for his conviction in the criminal charge as per Rules 25 (1) & 9 (x) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Accordingly, the Government hereby dismiss Sri P.Gopala Rao, Panchayat Secretary, Visakhapatnam District from service with immediate effect for his conviction in a criminal charge .
- 5. The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY, SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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Sri P.Gopala Rao, former Pts., Secy., Baligattam, Gram Panchayat, Narsipatnam, Mandal, Visakhapatnam District through the Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rurla Employment, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rurla Employment, Hyderabad.(He is requested to serve the order on the Accused Officer and send served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Hyderabad
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Hyderabad
The P.S. to Hon'ble M(PR&RWS)
The P.S.to Secretary to Govt.,
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